

## "First Marking Period" Discussion Questions

**DIRECTIONS:** Answer in complete sentences by turning the question into your topic sentence. If TE is required, use CCE, making sure to provide context, embedded text, and enough explanation to not only explain the citation but how it justifies your answer.

### "Welcome to Merryweather High"

1. Why do you think the author name the school "Merryweather High"? Does the school live up to its name?
2. Look at the list of "clans" Melinda lists. What is the purpose of "clans" both in the novel and in your own school or real-life?

### "Spotlight"

3. Do you think Melinda really wants to fit in at Merryweather High? Explain with TE.
4. Melinda says, "Nobody really wants to hear what you have to say." As a teen or almost teen, do you agree with her? Why or why not?

### "Home. Work"

5. Are Melinda's parents good parents? Why or why not? Provide TE to support your answer.

### Additional prep work:

- Add any questions or ideas you'd like to explore
- Notes on themes and symbols.

